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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

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Re: United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/039,769
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FLUORESCENCE DETECTION AND FLUORESCENCE
POLARIZATION
Filed: December 31, 2001
Our file: 016417-0272123

Dear Dr. Gould:

Enclosed for your signature are a Declaration and Power of Attorney and an Assignment with respect to the above-referenced patent application. Please review these documents and, if you find them to be in order, please sign and date the documents where indicated. In the case of the Assignment, please also have your signature witnessed. Once signed, the documents should be returned to me in the enclosed, pre-paid, Federal Express envelope. We are also enclosing a copy of the patent application, as filed, for your review and reference. The application names you as co-inventor.

You may keep the copy of the application for your files; please note that the subject matter disclosed in the application is confidential and is likely to remain so until at least July of 2003.

We need you to sign and return the documents, particularly the Declaration and Power of Attorney, to us immediately.

If you have any questions about these documents or if the documents need to be corrected in any way, please contact me at the telephone number above at the earliest opportunity.



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The due date for filing the signed Declaration with the United States Patent & Trademark Office is **April 15, 2002**.

Best regards,

Victor J. Castellucci

Enclosures

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